

RESOLUTION NO. R-2010-1435

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS) AND WASHINGTON COUNTY TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY NEW HARMONY MILL FLAT FIRE REHABILITATION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Mill Flat Fire near the community of New Harmony burned approximately 12,607 acres including 440 acres of private land and several homes and structures in July and August 2009; and

WHEREAS, the burned canyons are steep (30-65% slopes); and

WHEREAS, New Harmony is located on the alluvial fan landscape below the burned area, and has a population of 190; and

WHEREAS, on September 10, 2009, a thunderstorm that produced approximately 0.5 inches of precipitation over the burned area resulted in debris flows and these flows filled natural drainages; and

WHEREAS, unless protection measures are taken, significant debris flows could occur in the future resulting in substantial damage to the community; and

WHEREAS, NRCS has funding available to Washington County for on-the-ground construction costs and administrative costs up to the amount of \$1,200,000 for the Emergency Watershed Protection Program Financial and Technical Assistance for the Washington County New Harmony Mill Flat Fire Rehabilitation Project (EWP Project); and

WHEREAS, the County and the NRCS have negotiated an agreement whereby the NRCS will provide on-the-ground construction costs and administrative costs up to the amount of \$1,200,000 for the EWP Project (Cooperative Agreement) pursuant to the terms set forth therein, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County to execute the Cooperative Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, at a regular meeting of the legislative body of Washington County, Utah, duly called, noticed, and held on the 6th day of April 2010, upon motion duly made and seconded, it is unanimously:

RESOLVED that the Cooperative Agreement between the County and the NRCS, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A", is hereby approved and adopted.

VOTED UPON AND PASSED BY THE WASHINGTON COUNTY
COMMISSION AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY
COMMISSION HELD ON THE 6TH DAY OF APRIL 2010.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

JAMES J. EARDLEY, Chair
Washington County Commission

ATTEST:

Kim M. Hafen
Washington County Clerk-Auditor

Commissioner Eardley voted ____
Commissioner Gardner voted ____
Commissioner Drake voted ____